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TOPIC Information on Armeegruppe NordEVALUATION 25X1X PLACE OBTAINED 25X1ADATE OF CONTENT 2 August to 6 September 1953DATE OBTAINED DATE PREPARED 5 October 1953PREFERENCES 25X1APAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) REMARKS

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25X1 1. AAA firing practices involving the use of air sleeves were repeatedly held at the Haff between 2 and 22 August 1953. S-5 Kommando Altwarp and AAA units from Prora and Pinnow participated in these practices.¹

25X1 2. Between 25 August and 6 September, platoons of the S-5 Kommando were daily observed doing field training. another KVP unit was to be moved to Altwarp. ¹

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25X1 3. On 25 August, at Installation VIII, Karpin, 48x122-mm field howitzers proceeding on the road toward the summer camp en route from the direction of Eggesin. Section B of Installation VIII was to be occupied on 6 September. ²

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25X1 4. Unit Weiss discharged about 300 KVPs including some officers. In several cases discharged personnel rejoined the KVP after about two weeks. In three cases, KVP personnel were discharged with the order to report to the recruiting district headquarters nearest to their home town in Saxony; the personnel involved were then assigned to a unit stationed near Forst Zinna in the vicinity of Jueterbog. An officer who was discharged and returned to Wolgast was also recruited again after a short time. The morale of the KVP units improved after the completion of the discharge operation. Breaches of discipline have ceased. ³

25X1 5. the electric and ventilating installations at the Caesar artillery and tank training field were nearing completion. Facilities for moving the targets were also completed. Firing practices at the range have been resumed. However, these practices required the approval of the commandant of the training field, Lieutenant Colonel Bisch (fhu). All the training fields of Installation XII, i.e. Caesar, Bruno, Anton and Albert have been interconnected by telephone lines. ⁴

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1. [] Comment. The AAA range at Altwarp is used by almost all KVP AAA units. No independent AAA unit is stationed in Pinnow. It is therefore believed that the unit from Pinnow observed in the Altwarp area was comprised of the AA machine gun units of the 1st Inf Regt of Division Prenzlau. Beside the AAA range of Division Eggesin which is permanently stationed in Altwarp and whose commanding officer is Major Boerner, elements of the mortar regiment of the same division were temporarily stationed at Altwarp. The new KVP unit whose arrival was expected may either be a component unit of this mortar regiment or an AAA unit which is to rotate to the Altwarp area for firing practices.

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2. [] Comment. The guns observed probably belong to the howitzer artillery regiment of Division Eggesin.

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3. [] Comment. Unit Weiss is identical with the Mechanized Division Eggesin. The reported number of discharged KVP personnel is far below the quota of dischargees reported from other KVP units. The intention probably was not to weaken too much this special unit. It is believed that some of the dischargees did not rejoin the KVP but were incorporated into the general police. No definite information is available from other KVP units that the morale of KVP personnel improved after the completion of the discharge operation.

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4. [] Comment. The artillery, AT gun and tank ranges are in the Jaegerbrueck area.

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